

Three farmers meet for coffee
knowing what they know. With
hint and understatement, they
file it Iowa cold. In
more apparent tone, three
Manhattan friends convene, their
chatter terribly keen,
yet reassuring. Both
groups apprehend everything, so,
a question, then, of style. Each
laughs at the other: The Comedy
of Manners historical, ongoing. De-
pending where you sit.